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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

VISCA et al

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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING WATER FROM SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 29, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-4, 6-7, and 9-11 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has number average molecular weight preferably in the range of 300-650.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the radical R_f of fluoropolyether type preferably comprises repeating units statistically distributed along

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